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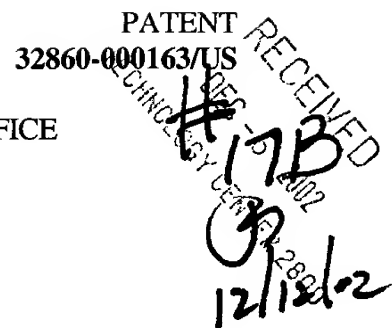
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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed **September 4, 2002**, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows.

Page 1, paragraph 0010

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In order to ensure the necessary number of switching operations (at least 10,000 for example) for a switching movement of about 3 to 5 mm with this abnormal use of a membrane for a vacuum switching chamber which is used in a low-voltage A.C. power supply system, the number and depth of the corrugations for the membrane have to be designed appropriately. For this purpose, a further refinement of the invention provides that, with a wall thickness of between